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For A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ASSISTING A BUYER IN SELECTING  
A SUPPLIER OF GOODS OR SERVICES

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the  
listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.